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As an aid to the establishment of the sugar-refining industry in Kwangtung Province, the Central People's government Ministry of Food Industries has asked the Central Finance and Economics Commission for capital funds, in accordance with rough-draft production estimates and budgets for 1950 drawn up by the publicly-operated Shun-te and Tung-kuan refineries in Kwangtung.

It is now reported that the Finance and Economics Commission decided in favor of first distributing 9,997,000 catties of millet to these two refineries to defray rehabilitation expenses as called for in their budgets. The Provincial Industries Office received formal notification of this in the beginning of May and set aside 1,500,000,000 yuan in capital funds for the Sugar Industries Control Bureau, which is under its jurisdiction, to be applied by the bureau in carrying out the rehabilitation of the two refineries. Definite plans for the rehabilitation are already under way.

The Provincial Industries Office is also devising means of assistance and taking every effective step toward backing those who raise sugar-cane, helping them solve their problems, and developing the cane industry. The office has made agreements with the Kwangtung Branch of the China Native Products Corporation to lend 2,500 tons of bean cake to the cane growers, especially to poor, tenant, and middle-class farmers. The Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office also agreed to lend 86 tons of ammonium sulfate to the sugar growers for fertilizer. The method by which the loans will be granted is now in rough draft. The Provincial Industries Office is also about to make agreements with the East China Ministry of Trade whereby Kwangtung sugar will be exchanged for chemical materials on a semiloan semibarter basis, as a stimulus to commodity flow.

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